



LESSON 68 SKIT

Principle: Giving into peer pressure can be sin.

Bible Character(s): Jesus and Pilate

Scripture Reference: Matthew 27:15-26



PERSONAL PREPARATION: Before this weekend, read through Matthew 27:15-26.

Jesus was sent to the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, for trial. Pilate was allowed to release to the crowd one prisoner of their choice. Even though Jesus was innocent, the crowd asked for the murderer Barabbas to be released, and Pilate complied. He also gave Jesus to the crowd so they could crucify Him, as they wanted.

Was Pilate more interested in justice or pleasing the people? When we follow the advice and example of our peers rather than God's Word, are we acting like Pilate? Do we look to God for direction and wisdom, or depend too much on others around us? Pilate knew Jesus was innocent, but he gave Jesus over to be crucified because he wanted to please the crowd. He cared more about pleasing the people than doing what was right. When we allow people around us to cause us to make decisions and live in a way that disobeys God, that is sin. God wants us to follow Him and obey His commands, even if it means sacrifice and suffering. Jesus experienced suffering so we could have eternal life; we have the privilege of sharing in that suffering to share the Gospel and glorify His name. Spend some time thinking about how you have given into peer pressure and cared more about what others thought than obeying God. Think about how you can embrace the life God wants you to live so that you glorify Him in all you do, even if it means suffering for His sake. Be prepared to share some examples with your campers.



BIG GROUP TIME - 35-40 minutes

1) Run-through/Prayer

Run-through order of service (assigned parts, transitions, slides for music and skit, video if applicable, etc), assign door greeters, pray, mic check

2) Welcome Cabins

3) Intro Song

4) Camp Competition

Mummy Time

Give each cabin one roll of toilet paper. Instruct the campers to work together to wrap the toilet paper around one counselor, using up the entire roll. The first cabin to use their whole roll of toilet paper wins the camp banner.

5) Worship Set

Worship Connector

Think about how you act when you are with your friends. Do you ever do something you know is not right, but your friends are all doing it and you are afraid of how they might treat you if you don't follow them? Today we are going to talk about how God wants us to make decisions that will glorify Him, even if it means going against what the people around us are doing. This can be hard because we want others to like us and approve of us. For those who follow Jesus, we should seek to glorify Him with our words and actions instead of glorifying ourselves by getting approval from others. As we sing this next song, let's think about how we can trust in God and live for Him instead of living for ourselves.

6) Skit

Peer Pressure

ProPresenter:

Sound FX: Background noise of people swimming in a pool

Characters:

Host/Storyteller

Staff Member #1: Surfer Dude Lifeguard in uniform, with whistle, zinc, and life saving buoy in hand.

Staff Member #2: Lifeguard Trainee

Props:

2 lifeguard chairs (or just use the stage)

Zinc or white sunblock

Whistle

Life saving buoy

Megaphone (optional)

Script:

(Dim lights) Lifeguard 1 walks in and sits down on the lifeguard chair (could be edge of stage). Puts white sunscreen on his nose and blows the whistle he's holding.

Lifeguard 1: **Breaks over!** (Begins watching water while twirling whistle around finger.)

Lifeguard 2: (Walks over and taps Lifeguard 1's leg.)

Lifeguard 1: **Wazup, trainee? Man, I'm so, glad you've made the career decision to guard lives as a**

lifeguard. I will be your trainer.

Lifeguard 2: Awesome man. I am excited to start!

Lifeguard 1: Sure thing, trainee! Hey, head over to that chair over there and get your watch on. (Lifeguard 2 walks to the other side of the stage and climbs in his chair (could also just be stage) and begins to watch the water.) **Dude, I've totally been out here all day. When the Camp Director told me to work a double shift, I had no idea that I'd be ace for so long, dude.**

Lifeguard 2: What is an Ace?

Lifeguard 1: Ace? Oh, sha...that's right...you're a shoobie. You don't speak surfer lingo, yet. Stick with me, shoobie, I'll get you schooled. Ace is another word for solo or alone. You might want to take notes. Ace, that's A-C-E, meaning solo or alone.

Lifeguard 2: Right! That's ACE – A, C, E. Solo or...(thinking really hard).

Lifeguard 1: Dude! Your nose is already cooking and you've only been up here for a microsecond. Here, let me give you a hand. (Pulls out sunscreen and tosses it to the Lifeguard 2 – Lifeguard 2 puts white sunscreen on his nose.)

Lifeguard 2: Thanks man! I don't know what I would do without you training me. My nose would be fried like bacon. Thanks! (Tosses sunscreen back.)

Lifeguard 1: Dude! That's noooooo problema. That's lesson number two. Always wear sunscreen. Write it down, dude.

(There's a moment of silence as Lifeguard 1 observes the kids in the pool. Lifeguard 2 takes note and also starts to observe pool)

Lifeguard 1: (Blow the whistle) Hey little dude! Little dude! No climbing on the shoulders of other campers! Stand on your own little swimmer feet, dude. (There's a moment of silence as the lifeguard observes the kids in the pool again.) (Blow the whistle and shout in a megaphone to the kids below.) **Hey, Mark! That's not cool dude! Wait until no one is under the diving board before diving. Safety first, dude. Okay? Cool. Shaa! There's another teachable moment. Write that down. Safety first.**

Lifeguard 2: Ok. Teachable moment 3 – Safety first. Wear zinc on my nose. Ace is....ummm. Hey! (Directs question to surfer lifeguard.) **Do you like being a lifeguard?**

Lifeguard 1: Do I like being a lifeguard? Oh, dude, it's awesome. It's right up there with riding a big wave. But, you're about to observe one of the hardest parts of the job.

Lifeguard 2: Like saving lives?

Lifeguard 1: Saving lives? Well, that's definitely a hard part of the job. But, an even harder part is watching the campers make mistakes. See, we are way up here and sometimes the little swimmers forget all about us. I sometimes see that they are in trouble and in need of a friend, but I'm too far away. Let me show you what I mean. See that kid right there?

Lifeguard 2: (Pointing out towards the pool) That one?

Lifeguard 1: Right, dude, the kid in the red trunks. Well, he's a newbie at Camp Grace and he is trying so hard to fit in. The three boys coming up to Red Trunks keep daring him to pull these totally uncool tricks on other campers. So far, dude, Red Trunks hasn't been able to stand up for the right thing. He just goes along with whatever they want. Red Trunks just wants to be liked.

Lifeguard 2: What do you mean he just wants to be liked?

Lifeguard 1: Well, he just keeps doing whatever they dare him to do because he wants them to like him.

Lifeguard 2: Do you think he is scared that they may not like him?

Lifeguard 1: Ya know Dude, he probably is, but when he gives into the peer pressure of the other boys it causes him to sin. I mean he is doing WAY uncool stuff just because he wants to be their friend.

Lifeguard 2: Man that's messed up but, hey! Red Trunks reminds me of the Bible story we were just reading at staff meeting.

Lifeguard 1: Oh, right! Dude, the one about Pilate. The Jewish leaders brought Jesus to Pilate and wanted Pilate to crucify Jesus. Well, Pilate saw nothing that Jesus had done wrong. He had no reason to crucify Jesus. But, the Jewish leaders were putting the pressure on Pilate. The crowds gathered and began to shout, "Crucify Him!" Pilate was afraid.

Lifeguard 2: That's right! Pilate was afraid that the crowd would turn against him. He was afraid that the Jewish leaders would work to have him removed from his powerful position. So, he gave into that peer pressure and allowed Jesus to be crucified. (Pauses to think.) Hey man, I will be right back. (Gets up and starts to walk out towards the pool.)

Lifeguard 1: Hey Dude! Where are you going?

Lifeguard 2: I have to go talk to Red Trunks. He needs to know the story about Pilate. He needs to know that it doesn't matter what those other guys think but the only thing that matters is what God thinks!

Lifeguard 1: Excellent trainee! Way to guard the newbie's life, dude! You're going to make a way cool lifeguard. (Lifeguard 2 exits the room and Surfer Lifeguard begin thinking.) MMMM, that's an important lesson. I need to care about what God thinks of me, not what people think of me. Awesome. (Blow whistle) No pet sharks in the pool, little dude. Put him back in his cage!

BRING LIGHTS UP

Host: It's great that we have lifeguards at Camp Grace who are working to guard our lives. The trainee lifeguard did talk to Red Trunks about peer pressure, by the way, and Red Trunks is working to say no to peer pressure. Peer pressure is a tough thing. We all want to be liked, don't we? Sometimes, we're tempted to do things that we know we shouldn't do because we're afraid others won't like us. Today,

in small group, we're going to talk about caring more about what God thinks about our actions than what others think. Let's pray, and then you will go back to your cabins. Let's pray.

Father, we want You to be pleased with us. We want to make You happy. Help us to make choices that please You. Amen.



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